

*Amendments to the Claims*

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-139. (Cancelled)

140. (Currently Amended) A user station comprising:

a user interface;

a processor; and

~~programmed logic~~ an information transport component;

the processor being configured to execute the information transport component ~~programmed logic~~ to enable access at the user station, via the user interface, to first fixed information content from ~~each of a plurality of independently published~~ a first portable storage medium ~~media~~ together with first related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a first single collection of information content, and to second fixed information content from a second portable storage medium together with second related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a second single collection of information content,

wherein the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium are provided by different independent publishers,

wherein the first single collection of information and the second single collection of information are different,

~~wherein, for each of the plurality of independently published portable storage media,~~  
the user interface is customized with respect to the first fixed information content and the second fixed information content ~~stored thereon responsive in response~~ to access of the first fixed information content and the second fixed information content, and

~~wherein each of the plurality of independently published portable storage media~~  
~~includes the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium include~~  
a specification of predefined transport tasks, and wherein further, the user station initiates connections to ~~[[the]]~~ one or more remote information content sources in accordance with the predefined transport tasks to retrieve the first and second related remote information content.

141. (Cancelled)

142. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 140, wherein the first related remote information content ~~includes first remote information content that~~ is provided to the user with a first look and feel specific to the first fixed information content included on ~~[[a]]~~ the first one of the plurality of portable storage medium media, and the second related remote information content ~~[[that]]~~ is provided to the user with a second look and feel specific to the second fixed information content included on ~~[[a]]~~ the second one of the plurality of portable storage medium media.

143. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first look and feel is customized by an author of the first fixed information content and wherein the second look and feel is customized by an author of the second fixed information content.

144. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 142, wherein each of the first related remote information content and the second related remote information content includes a web page.

145. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first related remote information content is coded with a markup language available on a first remote information content source and wherein the second related remote information content is coded with a markup language available on a second remote information content source.

146. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 140, wherein at least one of the first plurality of portable storage media medium and the second portable storage medium includes computer executable software that ~~can be installed~~ is installable on the user station to establish connections between the user station and the one or more remote information content sources.

147. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are initiated at the user station.

148. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are made in accordance with a specification included in the fixed information content stored on at least one of the ~~first plurality of portable storage media~~ medium and the second portable storage medium.

149. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 146, wherein the connections are initiated transparently to concurrent additional operations at the user station.

150. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 142, wherein the first fixed information content ~~can be~~ is presented at the user station together with the first related remote information content in such a manner that an apparently seamless integration of the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content is presented at the user station and wherein the second fixed information content can be presented at the user station together with the second related remote information content in such a manner that an apparently seamless integration of the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content is presented at the user station.

151. (Currently Amended) The user station of claim 140, wherein the ~~plurality of portable storage media includes a~~ first portable storage medium ~~that includes first fixed information content and~~ link data identifying a respective first remote information content source.

152-175. (Cancelled)

176. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a source address for a particular remote information content source.

177. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a manifest list specifying selections of remote media content.

178. (Previously Presented) The user station of claim 140, wherein the predefined transport tasks comprise a portable storage medium identification, wherein the portable storage medium identification can be used to access respective remote information content from one or more remote information content sources.

179. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable ~~portable~~ storage medium, having stored thereon:

~~fixed information content;~~

first program logic to enable access, via a user interface, ~~the~~ to first fixed information content, from a first portable storage medium, together with first related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the first fixed information content and the first related remote information content are presented by the user interface as a first single collection of information content, and to enable access, via the user interface, to second fixed information content from a second portable storage medium together with second related remote information content from one or more remote information content sources such that the second fixed information content and the second related remote information content are presented by the user interfaee as a second single

collection of information content, wherein the first portable storage medium and the second portable storage medium are provided by different independent publishers, and the first single collection of information and the second single collection of information are different,

second program logic for customizing the user interface with respect to the first and second fixed information content in response to access of the first and second fixed information content; and

third program logic including a specification of predefined transport tasks ~~to enable the user station to initiate~~ for initiating a connection to one or more remote information content sources to retrieve the first and second related remote information content in accordance with the predefined transport tasks.

180. (Currently Amended) The ~~portable~~ non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the first remote information content is provided at the user interface with a first look and feel specific to the first fixed content.

181. (Currently Amended) The ~~portable~~ non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the connection is initiated at the user station.

182. (Currently Amended) The ~~portable~~ non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the connection is initiated transparently to concurrent additional operations at the user station.

183. (Currently Amended) The ~~portable~~ non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the first fixed information content can be presented to the user together with the first remote information content in such a manner that the user perceives a seamless integration of the first fixed information content and the first remote information content.

184. (New) The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the first fixed information content is at least one of video, sound, and a hypertext markup language file.

185. (New) The non-transitory computer-readable storage medium of claim 179, wherein the first related remote information content is at least one of video, sound, and a hypertext markup language file.

186. (New) The user station of claim 140, wherein the first fixed information content is at least one of video, sound, and a hypertext markup language file.

187. (New) The user station of claim 140, wherein the first related remote information content is at least one of video, sound, and a hypertext markup language file.